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Case No. 9905/26
Client No. BIF023238/US

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
FOURNEL et al.)
Serial No.: 10/537,679) Examiner: Aftergut, Jeff H.
Filing Date: December 16, 2005) Group Art Unit: 1791
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING) Confirmation No. 8526
A COMPLEX STRUCTURE BY)
ASSEMBLING STRESSED)
STRUCTURES)

**REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION
AND RESTARTING OF THE REPLY PERIOD**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action of March 14, 2008, the Examiner objected to claims 4-35 for containing improper multiple dependencies. The applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment at the time of filing their original application. A copy of their Preliminary Amendment is attached. In the preliminary amendment, the applicants deleted the multiple dependencies in claims 4-35. The applicants also made additional

amendments to their claims as shown in the attached Preliminary Amendment. The applicants did not add any new claims or cancel any claims.

In view of the Objection set forth in the instant Office Action, it appears that the Examiner has not examined the applicants' claims set forth in the Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, the Office Action does not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(b). A copy of the amended claims with the amendments entered is provided for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with MPEP §710.06, the applicants respectfully request that the instant Office Action be re-mailed and the reply period be restarted from the date of mailing of the Supplemental Office Action. Since this request is made within 1 month of the mail date of the instant Office Action, the applicants request that a full shortened statutory period of 3 months be given in the Supplementary Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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